responsibility in the discharge of work. As I said, and I repeat it again, the superior officers form the brain and the subordinate officers the limb; and they are required for control and dierection of the subordinate officers, In voting this demand, I requst that the members will consider this aspect of the matter.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Was there not a time when the Police functioned without the A. S. P's.?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes. At that time there were Circle Inspectors now, A. S. P's. have replaced them. There was the brain there, always.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pathanamtitta*) : Will not the brain be satisfied with good service entry records?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have considered the question carefully, and I have made the choice; good service entry will not be sufficient in the present case. I have explained to the House the importance of the case and how the supervising officers should be given money rewards.

PRESIDENT : The motion before the House made by the Police Commissioner is that this House should grant a sum of Rs. 600 for rewards to the Police Officers in connection with festivities at Trivandrum. To that motion an amendment has been moved that the sum of Rs. 600 should be reduced to Rs. 405 and the rewards, or the allowance as they may be called, should be confined to the Constables and the Head constables. I now put the amended motion to the vote of the House.

The amended motion was put to the vote of the House and carried and the grant was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, EXCLUDING FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNT OFFICE AND LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,620 under Demand V—General Administration, excluding Financial Secretariat, Account Office and Legislative Bodies. This amount is required for payment to the staff engaged for the Revision of the State Manual. Honourable members know that the State Manual is now being revised and that a provision of Rs. 7,000 is included in the Budget for the current year for the purpose. This amount was included in the Budget at a time when Government did not decide who should be entrusted with the work, what remuneration should be pay to him and what staff should be sanctioned to him. It was only possible to include an approximate figure in the Budget. Now, we have settled all those details; the gentleman to revise the State Manual has been chosen and he has started the work.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know why the Government considered that a revision of the State Manual was necessary?

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PRESIDENT: When was the State Manual prepared?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some thirty years ago.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): So, is it for the incorporation of events subsequent to the publication of the Manual, or for the revision of even the facts contained in it that the revision has been arranged for?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The whole publication has to be examined. Government think it useful to have a publication more or less on the lines of the District Gazetteers of the Madras Presidency. The present State Manual is a useful publication, but it has to be compressed into reasonable proportions. It should be a book of reference on various matters of Travancore. Government therefore think it necessary not merely to add what has taken place subsequent to the publication of the present State Manual but even to revise and condense what is already there. Sadasya Tilaka T. K. Velu Pillai has been entrusted with the work and the Government have promised him an honorarium of Rs. 7,000. He cannot do this work alone; he has to be assisted by a staff. There is no provision for that in the Budget. A staff has since been entertained, consisting of a manager on Rs. 75, 3 clerks on Rs. 25 each, a stenographer on Rs. 30, a typist on Rs. 25 and 5 peons on Rs. 9 each. Besides these Mr. G. R. Pillai, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Mr. P. N. Kunjan Pillai, Ag. Lecturar in the Arts College have also been deputed to work in collaboration with Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai. They have to be paid their ordinary salary. Besides these, Messrs T. K. Joseph, K. Sivaramakrishna Sastri, V. Venkitarama Sarma and K. Damodaran have also been asked to assist the Special Officer. These gentlemen have done some special work of historical importance in various branches and they have been asked to assist Mr. Velu Pillai during holidays and leisure hours for which they will be paid a bonus. Mr. T. K. Joseph will be paid Rs. 100 and the others Rs. 75 each. The amount required for the pay of the staff for four months comes to Rs. 2,000 and a sum of Rs. 220 for contingencies is also included in the demand.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the special qualifications of these officers?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is known to the Honourable members that Mr. T. K. Joseph has done some work of historical importance; so also the other gentlemen.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any revision of the statements in regard to the historical facts is considered necessary?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It may be that new facts have been brought to light since the publication of the State Manual, and in the light of such new discoveries it may be necessary to revise the Manual.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know how the Government came to know that there were new facts discovered?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Archeological Department has brought to light several new facts and so also the work of scholars like Mahakavi Oollur S. Paramesvara Aiyar. These should be incorporated in the State Manual.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know who is the final authority to make these corrections?

PRESIDENT: I think it would be convenient if Honourable members will say what they have to say at the end of the Chief Secretary's remarks.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): When does the period of four months begin?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai entered upon his duty on the 17th of October 1936 and the staff he has asked for has been sanctioned from the 7th of January 1937. So, the period of four months commences from the 7th January 1937, and it is hoped that during this period the work, or at least a major portion of it, will be finished, that is why provision is made only for four months.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether in the intervening period since October, any work was done by the Special Officer?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think so. The total amount required is Rs. 2,620. Without the staff, Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai will not be able to make much head-way. I hope the House will allow the demand.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the persons who have been appointed in the place of the officers appointed to help the Special Officer are given the same salary?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies Mr. G. R. Pillai has been appointed as an assistant to the Special Officer and the person appointed in his place gets the starting pay of the Assistant Registrar.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the place of of the Assistant Registrar is kept vacant?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether any saving has been effected by these arrangements.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As Assistant Registrar Mr. G. R. Pillai was getting the minimum pay of the appointment, Rs. 150 and as Assistant to the Special Officer he gets the same pay there is no saving on that account.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I rise to a point of order, whether savings effected in other departments are relevant to the discussion before the House.

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PRESIDENT: There is a thirst for information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In the place of the person selected to assist the Special Officer, another on a lower salary may be appointed; and a saving may thus be effected.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have explained the necessity for the grant I have asked for. It is required for the payment of salary to the staff and bonus to the officers and for contingencies. I hope the House will allow the demand.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether the original provison did not include the pay of the staff.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At that time it was not possible to include the amount required for the staff. Then it was not decided as to who should be entrusted with the work, what work he would have to do, what honorarium should be paid to him and what staff would have to be sanctioned. It was subsequently decided that the gentleman chosen should be given an honoarium of Rs. 7000; and that is all the amount that is provided in the budget.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether it was in the contemplation of the Government that an additional amount would be required, besides the honorarium, for payment to the staff?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was not at first decided whether it should be entrusted to a non-official on payment of an honorarium; or to an officer already in service. It was subsequently decided that it should be entrusted to a non-official.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether, when the sum of Rs. 7,000 was provided in the budget, it was in the contemplation of the Government that it should cover the whole expenditure, including the pay of the staff and the salary for the officer or the honorarium for the non-official?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was only an approximate figure. The exact amount could not be known then. It was thought that it would be possible to get a competent non-official for less than the honorarium now fixed.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether the honorarium is to be paid according to the work done or the status of the person?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): According to the merits and qualifications the person.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether applications were invited from non-officials?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government considered the claims of several non-officials; and they think that the one selected is the best.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the names of some of the non-officials who had applied?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry, I cannot give out the names.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the scheme of entrusting the work to a committee was considered?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I saw it stated in some newspapers that the work might be entrusted to a committee. But the Government thought it better to entrust it to a single individual.

MR E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any officer was thought of by Government, for this work.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): What the Government thought of or contemplated to do is confidential.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether any instructions were issued as to the period within which the work must be completed?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Why was it considered by Government that no officer under Government would be competent to do this work?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already given the reasons why Government chose a non-official to do this work.

MISS HEPZIBHA GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): Sir, I support the demand; but I wonder why this should be brought as a supplementary demand. The sum demanded *i. e.*, Rs. 7,000 seems to be a fair sum. The person who should do this work, whether he be a non-official or official will need extra clerical staff; and Government ought to have foreseen this and specified everything even at the time of the framing of the general budget.

The reason why I support this demand is this. The State Manual is not available anywhere at present. We are using books which were printed once upon a time. Travancore History is now made compulsory in the VI Form and to teach History in the VI Form, the State Manual is a very useful book. Apart from the point of view of examination it is very good to have a proper record of Travancore History. Regarding the person who has been appointed to do this work, I think the Government have chosen the right person. Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai has already written a history of Travancore which is very valuable for the students in the High Schools.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, on a point of order. The motion before the House is for a supplementary grant. May I know whether a general discussion on the demand can be allowed on this occasion? The question of propriety or otherwise of the choice of the person does not arise at all.

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PRESIDENT: The honourable member will proceed.

MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*); Sir, I have to make another suggestion also. The Chief Secretary said that the book must be compressed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Did he say compressed?

MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): Sir, he did say "compressed". I have noted it down. If it is compressed, I do hope that portions will not be left out; the details must not be left out. In fact I want more pictures and more details to be added so that it may be a solid and full record of the history of our State. With these words I support the demand.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that the House should grant a sum not exceeding Rs. 2,620 for the staff for the revision of the State Manual.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I want to raise an objection. I thought that discussion on this motion will be continued after lunch.

PRESIDENT: I looked round to see whether any honourable member intended to speak on this motion. But nobody seemed to rise. I thought of prolonging the discussion five or six minutes more because we started a little late. But I am entirely in the hands of the House. When I look round I expect honourable members to be on the alert.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): On a point of order, Sir. Why not we take up the discussion after lunch?

PRESIDENT: There is no point of order in that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I must say that this method of bringing in supplementary demands must be protested against by the House. Government members should not be heard to say in this House that they did not consider properly when they put forward demands in the budget. That goes against the very fundamental principle which ought to guide Government in making allotments in the budget. We are led to suspect from the disclosures made by the Government member whether items like this have not been provided in the budget, without due consideration. If that be so, the budget is not going to be a guide of our financial position. It is a serious matter, and the Government must explain how the Budget allotment happened to be fixed at Rs. 7,000. Government ought to have considered the work involved and then made the provisions, and they ought to have chosen a suitable person for the amount allotted in the Budget. The Budget ought to have provided for the necessary staff also. Sir, it is very difficult for us to oppose when a demand is made for a necessary purpose. Our position is very delicate. The State Manual needs revision, and so we are not in a position to deny the facilities for doing it. I must say, Sir, that Government are putting us in a very difficult position by bringing in a supplementary demand under such circumstances. They have provided for this in the budget with a simple statement "Revision of the State Manual Rs 7000". By no stretch of imagination could we realise that

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it did not include the provision for the staff. Any reasonable man will take it that the allotment of Rs. 7000 was for the honorarium, for the pay and allowances of the staff, for the pay of the peons, for contingencies, etc. That is the only way in which it could be understood. That is my first complaint against this demand.

Also, we ought to pay particular attention to restrict the loose way in which supplementary demands are made. Sir, there are specific rules stating under which circumstances a demand for a supplementary grant can be made. Government must have been in a position to foresee this expenditure when they framed the budget. May I ask what prevented them from foreseeing the possibility of an eminent man taking up the work of revising the State Manual? Did they not know which person should be appointed and what honorarium should be given? I say that it could have been easily ascertained. If the Government had gone for a man of the lower status but one who is equally competent to do this work, they might have saved something out of the honorarium. I cannot understand why an expert on co-operation from the Co-operative Department has been chosen to do the work of revising the State Manual. I know that gentleman is the author of some books and he has got a facile pen; but, my fear is that he may be entrusted to do the whole work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): What harm is there if, as the member says, he is competent to do it?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): That is what I am also driving at. If that gentleman is to do the whole work, where is the necessity for a sum of Rs. 7,000 as honorarium to another gentleman. It is also not clear whether all the staff asked for is necessary or not. I have also got another doubt, namely, whether the Government will not come in with another supplementary demand and for a further extension of the period.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member is rather pessimistic this morning.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I want an assurance from Government that this supplementary grant would be actually utilised only after carefully considering all the aspects of the matter, and I do hope that the Government will not come forward again with a further supplementary demand for this item

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-11 P. M., and reassembled at 2-2 P. M. with the President in the Chair.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Sir, I beg to point out that the right person had been chosen for the revision of the State Manual. He is a person who knows Tamil, Malayalam and English.

PRESIDENT: I do not think that comes within the scope of this supplementary grant.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): I support this motion and beg to add that a competent person has been appointed.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried and the grant was made.

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